

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/521,771

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Art Unit

2617

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 01/21/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 20-38.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 1/21/05
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
- ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Douglas Goldhush (Reg. No. 33125) on 12/14/2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 20 and 36 have been amended. Claim 20, line 10 and claim 36, line 11 have been amended to replace the word "the" with the letter "a" i.e. "calculated depending on, [[the]] a quality of said faulty data block, as the power target value...".

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 20-38 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Consider independent claims 20 and 36, the best prior arts of record found during the examination of the present application is: Mousley (US 2002/0042283), Baker et al. (US 6,754,505) and Oestreich (US 2003/0003875).
4. In view of the present application, Mousley discloses monitoring if transmitted information was received correctly. The information is retransmitted if there are errors in reception. The system also combines the original transmission with the retransmitted

information, such that the total energy of the combined information transmission increases substantially exponentially.

5. In view of the present application, Baker et al. discloses adjusting the transmission immediately after the interruption in the transmission by an offset. Thereby establishing quick power control to reduce error in transmission after the interruption if the power is too low.

6. In view the present application, Oestreich discloses controlling the transmission power in a communication system by obtaining an average bit error rate (BER) and comparing the BER with a nominal BER, realizing a differential BER (dBER) from the comparison. The dBER is multiplied by a weighting factor and is added to a delayed signal to interference ratio.

7. Compared to the present application neither Mousley nor Baker et al. nor Oestreich disclose adjusting the power target value to a temporary power target value, based on "a quality of faulty data blocks, as the power target value for first transmission of a data block minus the quality weighted by a predetermined power control step size".

8. Accordingly, in light of the cited references, the present invention is novel and non-obvious since the prior arts of record do not contain either explicitly or implicitly the limitations as a whole as disclosed in claims 1 and 18. In addition, any reasonable combination of the cited references cannot be used to reconstruct the claimed invention. Therefore, the present application as claimed is allowable. Hence, the present application is allowable as claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mehmood B. Khan whose telephone number is 571-272-9277.


The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, George Eng can be reached on 571-272-7495. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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